(b) and (c) The party has paid the full cost i.e. Rs. 24.18 lakhs as cost of land to UPSIDC.

Suraj Vanaspati Ltd., Sikandrabad (Uttar Pradesh)

2708. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Suraj Vanaspati Ltd. has set up a plant in collaboration with Uttar Pradesh Government at Sikandrabad Industrial Area in District Bulandshar (Uttar Pradesh);

(b) if so, what is the share of finance, management expertise and technical know-how provided by the Uttar Pradesh Government for the above; and

(c) by when the plant would start production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Government undertaking i.e. The Pradeshiya Industrial and Investment Corporation of U.P. Ltd. (PICUP) is holding equity share—26 per cent in the project and the co-promoter M/s. Suraj Vanaspati Ltd. are having 25 per cent equity share. The balance 49 per cent equity share is being met by the public. The management expertise and technical know-how has been obtained by the co-promoter.

(c) The plant has already started production.

Gauge Conversion of Rupsa Bangriposi and Parala-Khemudi-Nuapada

2709. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taker any decision to convert two narrow-gauge lines (i) Rupsa-Bangriposi and (ii) Parala-Khemudi-Nuapada into Broad-gauge line under South Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, by when the decision is likely to be worked out; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) It has been decided that the survey already carried out for conversion of Rupsa-Bangriposi N.G. line to B.G. and its extension to Dalbhumgarh be updated.

Taking up of this project would depend on availability of resources and the position this project will get in the overall national priorities. Due to acute constraint of resources and heavy commitments for on-going projects there is no proposal to take up for the present, conversion of Parlakimidi-Naupada NG line.

Creation of new Railway Zones

2710. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Orissa Government have suggested to the Centre to reorganise and create a new Railway zone by segregating portions from other Railway Division and locate its headquarters at Bhubaneswar;

(b) if so, by when the new Railway zone is likely to be started;

(b) if so, by when the new Railway division are likely to be included in the new zone; and

(d) what is the reaction of Government to the State Government's earlier proposal of shifting Headquarters of South-Eastern Railway from Calcutta to Bhubaneswar?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Keeping in view the administrative and operational requirements, likely dislocation to a large number of staff and severe financial constraints, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government at present to either create a new zone with headquarter at Bhubaneswar or shift the headquarters of South Eastern Railway from Calcutta to Bhubaneswar.

Kishan Co-operative Jewar Jahagirpur Sugar Mill, Bulandshar, U.P

2711. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Kishan Co-operative Jewar Jahagirpur Sugar Mill in District Bulandshar, Uttar Pradesh is under construction;

(b) the amount utilised so far from the fund allotted for the said purpose; and

(c) the progress made in the construction of the above sugar mill?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) to (c) A Letter of Intent was issued to M/s. Uttar Pradesh Coop. Sugar Factories Federation Ltd. for the establishment of a new sugar factory of 2500 TCD at Jewar, Teh. Khurja, Distt. Bulandshar on 16.10.1989. Progress made towards the implementation of this project is not available as it has not yet been submitted by the aforesaid Federation. As regard funds utilised so far, this information would be available with the State Government of Uttar Pradesh.

मुद्रा स्फीति दर

2712. **श्री बलराम सिंह यादव :** क्या **खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने आम मूल्य वृद्धि की प्रवृत्ति को नियंत्रित करने के उद्देश्य से मुद्रा स्फीति की दर पर काबू पाने के लिए गत कुछ महीनों में अनेक कदम उठाए थे ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि इस वर्ष जून के महीने के दौरान मुद्रा स्फीति की दर गत-वर्ष इसी अवधि की 6.3 प्रतिशत की दर की तुलना में बढ़कर 8.6 प्रतिशत हो गयी है, जो कि पिछले वर्ष से अधिक है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार की उस पर क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम पूजन पटेल) : (क) से (ग) सरकार मुद्रास्फीति को रोकने के कार्य को उच्च प्राथमिकता देती है और उसने मूल्य वृद्धि को रोकने के लिए अनेक उपाय किए हैं। इन उपायों में बजट घाटे में कमी करना, सरकारी खर्च में कड़ी किफायत बरतना, सार्वजनिक वितरण के लिए आवश्यक वस्तुओं की पर्याप्त सप्लाई बनाए रखना, जमाखोरों तथा कालाबाजारियों के विरूद्ध कार्यवाही करना आदि शामिल है।

30-6-90 की स्थिति के अनुसार थोक मूल्य सूचकांक (बिन्दु-दर-बिन्दु आधार पर) के रूप में मुद्रास्फीति की वार्षिक दर गत वर्ष की तदनुरूपी अवधि के 5.6 प्रतिशत की तुलना में 9.0 प्रतिशत थी। तथापि, 11-8-90 की स्थिति के अनुसार मुद्रास्फीति की वार्षित दर घट कर 7.4 प्रतिशत रह गई है जबकि गत वर्ष की तदनुरूपी अवधि में यह दर 8.0 प्रतिशत थी।